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**Remarks, General:**

By the above amendment, Applicant has reorganized and reworded the claims to better describe the root invention or species. That being that all of the illustrations described in  
5 the specification represent the addition of a means to measure micro amounts in what otherwise would have been a receptacle for measuring macro amounts only. All claims are now dependent on the first claim (claim 15 (new) of the amendment) and this first claim is the invention. Please notice that claim 15 is a Means-Plus-Function claim where the means to measure a micro amount involves the bottom of the receptacle and there are  
10 the typical macro measurement graduations on the sidewall as well. This is unlike the cited patent 1,839,268 (E. Schneider) where there is not a comparison between a micro and a macro measurement and the micro measurement means involves the sidewall adjacent to the rim, not the bottom of the receptacle.

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**Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance:**

Applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they are proper and define a single species which is novel. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. sections 2173.02 and 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible without the need for further proceedings.

10 Very Respectfully,



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